

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-3 (cancelled)

Claim 4 (previously presented): A portable telephone unit comprising soft material that protrudes more than hard material formed on surfaces of upper and lower cases formed of the hard material, wherein a portion of a surface of the soft material is corrugated to facilitate shock absorption.

Claim 5 (cancelled)

Claim 6 (previously presented): The portable telephone unit according to claim 4, wherein the soft material covers a grip portion of the upper and lower cases.

Claim 7 (cancelled)

Claim 8 (previously presented): A portable telephone unit comprising:
an upper case;
a lower case coupled to the upper case;
a waterproof rib formed of soft material located on a periphery of one of the upper and lower cases; and
a waterproof groove formed of the soft material located on a periphery of the other of the upper and lower cases,
wherein the waterproof rib and the waterproof groove are coupled together to facilitate a waterproof coupling between the upper case and the lower case, and
wherein a portion of a surface of the soft material is corrugated to facilitate shock absorption.

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Claim 9 (currently amended): The portable telephone unit of ~~claim 7~~ claim 8, wherein a leading end shape of the waterproof rib is formed of a fan-shaped section.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The portable telephone unit of ~~claim 7~~ claim 8, wherein the upper and lower cases are formed of a hard resin material.

Claims 11-12 (cancelled)

Claim 13 (previously presented): The portable telephone unit of claim 10, wherein the soft material formed on the surfaces of the upper and lower cases is formed on a gripping portion of the portable telephone.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The portable telephone unit of ~~claim 7~~ claim 8, wherein at least one of the waterproof rib and the waterproof groove is formed integrally with at least one of the upper case and the lower case.

Claim 15 (new): A portable telephone unit comprising:
a first case having a first joint face;
a second case having a second joint face, the second joint face being directly contacted to the first joint face when the first case is fitted to the second case;
a waterproof rib formed of soft material, the waterproof rib being provided on an outer surface of the first case; and
a waterproof groove formed of the soft material, the waterproof groove being provided on an outer surface of the second case,
wherein the waterproof rib is fitted into the water proof groove for a waterproof coupling between the first case and the second case.

Claim 16 (new): The portable telephone unit of claim 15, wherein the first case has a stepped portion; and
wherein the stepped portion is located under the waterproof rib in a fitting direction of the waterproof groove and the waterproof rib so as to support the waterproof rib.

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Claim 17 (new): The portable telephone unit of claim 15, wherein the waterproof rib is provided so as to expose the first joint face of the first case; and wherein the waterproof groove is provided so as to expose the second joint face of the second case.